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DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



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COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT WESTERN DISTRICT 15 CLOSURE

Haines... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the western portion of the District 15 commercial pot shrimp fishery will close effective 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 21, 2013.

Effort levels and catch rates obtained from fish tickets indicates that the 7,500 pound guideline harvest level for the western portion of District 15 west of a line from Little Island light north to Seduction Point will be reached at the time of the closure.

All shrimp pot gear must be removed from the water or placed in storage by the time of this closure. Pots may be stored in the waters of District 15 until 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 28, 2013. Stored pots must have all doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an Alaska Department of Fish and Game office within seven days of the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher/sellers that are intending to sell shrimp to persons unlicensed to process shrimp (ie. dock sales) must fill out an ADF&G fish ticket indicating the weight of the shrimp on board by species before any shrimp are removed from the vessel [5 AAC 31.143. (d)].

All commercial shrimp fishermen are required to notify the department within two business days of deploying gear and within two business days after ceasing fishing in a district, or portion of a district, with a GHL. Catcher/Processor and Catcher/Seller vessels must report, weekly, the pounds in whole weight by species of shrimp on board the vessel taken during the open shrimp-fishing period. The department is implementing these requirements in order to more effectively track effort and harvest in the fishery. For further details refer to the News Release dated September 14, 2012.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1313.

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